



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
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### MINUTES

## RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION & HERITAGE COMMISSION February 13, 2013

### I. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Robert E. Cusack  
Mr. Robert Goff  
Mr. John Grosvenor, AIA  
Mr. Karst Hoogeboom, Chairman  
Dr. E. Pierre Morenon  
Dr. Ronald Onorato  
Dr. Patricia Rubertone  
Mr. Pieter N. Roos  
Edward F. Sanderson, State Historic Preservation Officer & Executive Director

### STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Richard Greenwood, Deputy Director  
Ms. Virginia Hesse, Principal Architect

### MEMBERS ABSENT

Ms. Janet Coit, Director DEM  
Mr. Michael Hebert, NR Review Board  
John P. Leyden, State Building Commissioner  
Dr. Patrick Malone  
Mr. Jared L. Rhodes, Chief of Statewide Planning representing Kevin Flynn, Asso. Dir  
Executive Director, EDC  
1 Vacant

## II. AGENDA

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M., Karst Hoogeboom, Chairman, presiding.

### 2. Minutes of January 9, 2013

On a motion by Mr. Goff, seconded by Dr. Onorato, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the Minutes of January 9, 2013.

### 3. Executive Director's Report

a) Mr. Sanderson introduced Senior Architectural Historian Joanna Doherty who has joined the RIHPHC staff. Ms. Doherty previously worked at the Blackstone River Valley National Heritage Corridor and the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation.

b) Mr. Sanderson reported on Governor Chafee's legislation to allow historic rehabilitation tax credits to be reassigned to new projects.

### 4. Certified Local Government Grants

Dr. Greenwood presented information about applications for Certified Local Government Grants. The following projects were recommended for funding:

\$10,000

Funds reserved for the 2014 annual historic preservation conference: This grant will fund planning and coordination of the 2014 Historic Preservation Conference (location to be determined).

\$10,000

The first century of European settlement in central Rhode Island, c. 1636-1730: This project will complete a GIS mapping study of known sites from the colonial settlement of Kent County, Exeter and North Kingstown, c. 1636-1740, with site information compiled from the RIHPHC files. The resulting maps and database will help identify and protect sensitive locations and contribute to our understanding of the growth of early English settlement.

\$11,000

Anstis Greene estate National Register historic district nomination: this project will prepare a National Register nomination for the c. 120-house plat on Bluff Avenue and several smaller streets in the Edgewood Historic District in Cranston. This nomination, which will make use

of the recently completed MPS documentation for Edgewood, is part of the HPHC's ongoing survey and registration work in Edgewood.

\$7,500

Historic structures report for Odd Fellows Hall: this grant is for the services of a preservation architect/ engineering consultant to produce a historic structures report for this long-vacant National Register building in the Watchemoket Square part of the East Providence's Waterfront revitalization area.

\$3,000

Smart phone app for historic walking tours: this grant will fund a consultant to work with the Bristol Historical Society on a smart phone app for walking tours of Bristol's historic districts. Working with BHS tour guides, the consultant will assemble graphics and text and convert to appropriate software. Print copies will be produced also.

\$4,000

Existing conditions assessment and maintenance plan for Mt. Hope farm's historic structures: this grant will fund an Existing Conditions Assessment and Maintenance Plan for Mount Hope Farm's historic buildings in Bristol. A preservation contractor and a preservation architect will produce these documents to guide preservation efforts for the farm's eleven buildings.

\$7,000

Bristol industrial park site plan: This grant will fund a planning study of the Bristol Industrial Park/Bristol Rubber Works that will employ the services of a historic preservation planner and an engineering consultant to develop a long range plan for the site. The Park with its numerous historic buildings is being redeveloped by Mosaico CDC.

\$5,000

Revisions to Providence's downtown design review committee's rules and regulations and required documentation: this grant will assist in updating the 1993 Rules and Regulations for use in Providence's DOWNCITY Design review Zone. Revisions will focus especially on the clarification of recent changes to the downtown zoning and the documentation requirements.

Following discussion, on a motion by Dr. Onorato, seconded by Mr. Grosvenor, the Commission unanimously

VOTED to approve the 2013 Certified Local Government Grants as presented.

##### 5. Rehabilitation of the Arcade in Providence.

Ms. Hesse presented information about ongoing historic rehabilitation work at the Arcade. The project has applied for federal and state historic preservation tax credits

administered by RIHPHC. Previously, the Arcade consisted of numerous small retail shops and a first floor food court. Under the new plan, the first floor will continue to house retail and food establishments (but the food court will be discontinued), and the second and third floor will house “micro apartments.” The construction is being reviewed to assure that it meets the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Historic Preservation Projects.

6. Other business

There was no other business.

7. Next meeting date: Wednesday March 13, 2013.

8. Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Minutes recorded by,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward F. Sanderson".

Edward F. Sanderson, Executive Director